

REMARKS

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks filed November 27, 2006, as well as the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claim 27 has been amended to clarify that the alkenyl residue is selected from the group consisting of styrene and divinylbenzene, in order to be consistent with the previous amendment to claim 1. Support for this amendment is found on page 7, lines 11-15 of Applicants' specification. Further, claim 29 has been amended to be consistent with amended claim 27. Thus, no new matter has been added to the application.

In view of the above-discussed amendments, the arguments set forth in the first full paragraph on page 10 of the Amendment filed November 27, 2006 are also applicable to claims 27-33.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, as well as the amendments and remarks submitted November 27, 2006, it is submitted that each of the grounds of rejection set forth by the Examiner has been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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